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Estonian Emigre Heine Jailed in Expo Protest

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Erik Heine, who has been accused by a Central Intelligence Agency employee of being a Soviet intelligence operative, was scheduled to appear in court in Montreal today, charged with pouring paint on a sculpture at the Soviet pavilion at Expo 67.

Heine, who has maintained that he is a strongly anti-Communist Estonian patriot, is accused of pouring red paint over the sculpture Saturday afternoon to protest celebration of Estonian independence day at the world fair.

Montreal police, who have been concerned about political demonstrations, especially by anti-Castro Cubans, kept Heine in jail over the weekend.

Says Someone Had To

His attorney, Jean Salois of Montreal, said this morning that he tried yesterday to get Heine out of jail on bail, but was unable to learn the technical charge that had been leveled against him.

Heine's wife, speaking by telephone from the family home in Rexdale, a suburb of Toronto, said her husband left Friday evening for Montreal, telling her that someone had to protest the celebration at Expo 67 and the visit of a high-ranking Soviet Estonian official.

"I thought he was just going to walk around with a sign," she said. "I didn't know about the paint until he called me from jail Saturday night."

In Limelight Through Suit

Heine came to public attention in this country after he filed a \$110,000 slander suit against Juri Raus of Hyattsville. He said Raus, who also has been active in Estonian emigre affairs, had told other Estonians in this country that Heine was a Communist agent and worked for KGB, the Soviet secret police.

In the first phase of the case, a federal district judge in Baltimore ruled that Raus was protected against a suit for slander because he was acting within the course of his employment

by the government. Officials of the CIA submitted several affidavits to the court in which they said Raus had been instructed to warn fellow Estonians about Heine.

The case is now on appeal to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond.

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